

# **“Great Teachers Make Great Public Schools”**

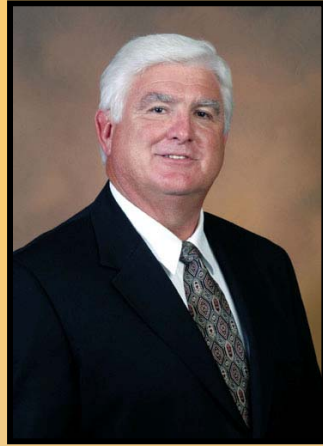
## **OCTE Celebrates National Teacher Day**

### **May 9, 2006**

As OCTE celebrates National Teacher Day, we want to take this opportunity to thank each KY Tech instructor in the system for choosing to become a teacher. You are appreciated.

“I feel that you are in one of the most noble of all professions. It’s important to me, that each of you understands that I’m an advocate of teachers - as well as students, of course. And, I think it’s important to say that students are what we are all about in education,” says OCTE Executive Director David Billingsley. “As a former teacher and principal, I have great respect for what you encounter on a daily basis. This year’s theme, *Great Teachers Make Great Public Schools*, reminds me that KY Tech is a system richly blessed with instructors who have a strong work ethic and understand the importance of teaching their students how to succeed in life with skills that will get them where they want to be. Your role in who we are and what we do emphasizes the importance of teachers throughout this country and across the globe. Thank you for taking the time to care about your students because sometimes you are all they have to help them succeed.”





**"Few other professionals touch as many people as teachers do," says OCTE Deputy Executive Director Lewis Carter. "We all recognize we are role models and that brings enormous responsibilities, but it also brings about a great satisfaction in knowing we have changed lives. I want to take this opportunity to personally thank our teachers for their hard work and dedication in developing our most important resource – our children."**

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**KY Tech is a system of many splendid teachers and National Teacher Day is a good time to publicly thank everyone for the hard work they do each day to make a difference in the lives of their students. Each teacher deserves a day of recognition. You are to be commended.**

**While we appreciate the efforts of all of our teachers, we want to take this opportunity to acknowledge *some* of our educators who have made wonderful contributions in the classroom, school, and community. During this past year, 27 ATCs underwent a program assessment visit and our KY Tech teachers worked extremely hard to document the 21 standards. (Next year, the remaining ATCs will undergo the same process.) Program assessment is a detailed process of documentation and requires a great deal of time, effort and energy.**

**We congratulate the following teachers for attaining a 3.8 or above during this year's program assessment process:**



### Program Assessment Score of 3.95

- Sandra Adkins, health sciences, Bell Co. ATC
- Vickie Buckman, Amye Toms, and Sandra Smith; office technology, Green Co. ATC

### Program Assessment Score of 3.90

- Paul Caldwell, welding, Murray-Calloway Co. ATC
- Rodney Nokes, machine tool technology, Lake Cumberland ATC
- Martha Williams, health sciences, Martin Co. ATC

### Program Assessment Score of 3.857

- Yvonne Hall and Shella Keeton, health sciences, Knott Co. ATC
- Cindy Wise, health sciences, Murray-Calloway Co. ATC
  - Vickie Buckman, Amye Toms, and Sandra Smith; accounting and finance technology, Green Co. ATC
- Vickie Rebholz, health sciences, C.E. McCormick ATC



## Program Assessment Score of 3.809

- Roy Charles, carpentry, Lake Cumberland ATC
- Alva Evans, auto body repair, Bell Co. ATC
- Jeff Shannon, information technology – satellite; Floyd Co. ATC

## Program Assessment Score of 3.8

- Ruth Gray, culinary arts, Caldwell Co. ATC
- Amy McAlpin, culinary arts, Murray-Calloway Co. ATC



Green Co. ATC Office Technology, and Accounting and Finance Technology Instructors Vickie Buckman, Amye Toms, and Sandra Smith have reached a pinnacle -- both programs ranked in the top scores during this year's program assessment process. KUDOS to each of you for a job well done.

Photo (left to right): Vickie Buckman, Amye Toms and Sandra Smith.





**National Teacher Day is traditionally celebrated on the Tuesday of the first full week of May. According to the National Education Association's (NEA) website, "The origins of National Teacher Day are murky. Around 1944 Arkansas teacher Mattye Whyte Woodbridge began corresponding with political and education leaders about the need for a national day to honor teachers. Woodbridge wrote to Eleanor Roosevelt, who in 1953 persuaded the 81st Congress to proclaim a National Teacher Day."**

**In closing, we once again relay our profound thanks to each of you for your role in helping students to succeed in life.**

**For more information on National Teacher Day, please visit <http://www.nea.org/teacherday/index.html>.**



**David Collins  
Mason Co. ATC  
Electrical Technology**



**Karen Smith  
Shelby Co. ATC  
Health Sciences**

**We also want to take this opportunity to recognize our 2005 KY Tech Teacher of the Year David Collins and 2005 KY Tech Beginning Teacher of the Year Karen Smith.**

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